

**8A.706 State historical society.**

1. As used in [this subchapter](#), “*state historical society*” means a membership organization of the department that is open to members of the general public who are interested in the history of the state.

2. The state historical society board of trustees shall recommend to the director rules for membership of the general public in the state historical society, including rules relating to membership fees. Members shall be persons who indicate an interest in the history, progress, and development of the state and who pay the prescribed fee. The members of the state historical society may meet at least one time per year to further the understanding of the history of this state. The members of the society shall not determine policy for the department as it relates to the historical resources of the state but may advise the director and perform functions to stimulate interest in the history of this state among the general public. The society may perform other activities related to history which are not contrary to [this subchapter](#).

3. Unless designated otherwise, an application for membership in the state historical society, or a gift, bequest, devise, endowment, or grant to the state historical society or the department as it relates to the historical resources of the state shall be presumed to be to or in the department.

4. Notwithstanding [section 633.63](#), the board may enter into agreements authorizing nonprofit foundations acting solely for the support of the state historical society or the department to administer the membership program of the state historical society and funds of the state historical society or the department as it relates to the historical resources of the state.

[C73, §1902; C97, §2884; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §~~4544~~; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §304.3; C75, 77, 79, 81, §303.3, 303.4; [82 Acts, ch 1238, §5](#)]

C83, §303.4

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1307](#)

C87, §303.7

[89 Acts, ch 78, §3](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §1404, 1424](#)

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